

## **Synthesis of tetrathioesters and tetrathioamides based p-tert- butylthiacalix[4]arene and studying their recognition abilities towards different metals by extraction**

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### **Abstract**

p-tert-Butylthiacalix[4]arene tetrathioesters 2a-c and tetrathioamides 4a-c in three different conformers (cone, partial cone and 1,3-alternate respectively) have been synthesized. The later were characterized by different physical methods IR,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and X-ray crystallography. Their recognition abilities towards different alkali, earth alkaline and transition metals such as ( $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Cs}^+$ ,  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ag}^+$ ,  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ ) cations have been examined by metal picrate extraction from aqueous solutions into dichloromethane. Graphical Abstract: [Figure not available: see fulltext.] © 2013 Springer Science+Business Media Dordrecht.

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